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FISCAL IMPLICATION OF ON-GOING OPERATION ALERT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the fiscal implications of the on-going operational alert on border with Pakistan including the LoC;

(b) whether the on-going operational alert has adversely affected agricultural activities along the border; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The assessment of fiscal implications of the on-going mobilization of the Armed Forces on the International Border and Line of Control can be made only after the mobilization is over.

(b) & (c): The local Army authorities have been instructed to carry out survey along with local Revenue Authorities to assess the loss of standing crop due to mobilization of troops in border areas. The Government of Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Jammu and Kashmir have also been requested to issue necessary instructions to local Revenue Authorities to cooperate with local Army authorities. The farmers will be compensated on the basis of assessed loss to their crops.